



Watch or Warning?

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in this area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued for this area and the sky becomes threatening, move to your pre-designated place of safety (basement, storm shelter, interior room or hallway) immediately.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Severe thunderstorms are possible in this area.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: Severe thunderstorms are occurring.



Did You Know... (Continued)

Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year.

Tornadoes are also most likely to occur between 3 and 9 p.m., but have been known to occur at all hours of the day or night.

The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction. The average forward speed is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to more than 70 mph.

Evacuation After Storm Shelters

Find shelter *after* a severe weather event at one of the following locations:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 430 N. Grant Street
Assembly of God Church, 300 W. Park Road
Church of the Nazarene, 258 W. Park Road
First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut Street
New Life Baptist Church, 705 Westgate Road

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR CodeRED ?

It's simple, only takes a couple of minutes, and is the savvy thing to do.

What is CodeRED?

Answer: **CodeRED** is an emergency alert system using state of the art technology that will allow the Anderson County Emergency Management Office to notify citizens by telephone (or cell phone) in the event of a weather emergency.

In a severe weather event such as flash flood, tornado, threatening thunderstorms and serious winter weather, a **CodeRED** weather warning will issue a pre-recorded alert message directly to the telephone number whose address is in the direct path of the severe weather threat.

There are 3 ways to sign up for **CodeRED**:

1. Visit www.andersoncountyks.org to sign up online (go to "Emergency Preparedness").
2. Contact the Anderson County Emergency Management Office (785) 448-6797.
3. Complete the **CodeRED** registration form available at Garnett City Hall or Garnett Public Library.

Please note that subscribing to the **CodeRED** system is free. Residential and business telephone numbers, as well as cell phones can be registered on the system. TDD/TTY devices too.

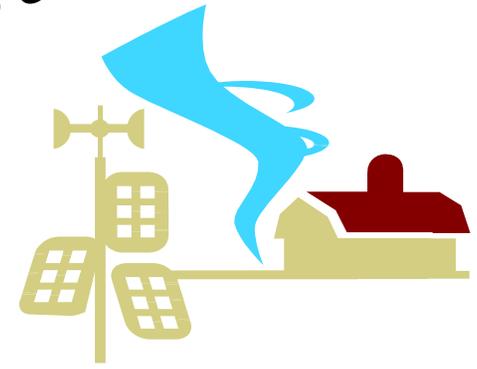


Invest in a Weather Radio



Your best defense is being informed. Now you can be severe weather savvy!

Be Severe Weather Savvy!



Weather Safety Tips

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Be Prepared!

Develop A Plan . . .

The best time to worry about what to do when severe weather strikes is



BEFORE it happens. Whether at home, work, school, or when enjoying one of the many outdoor recreational facilities available to you in the City of Garnett, you should have a plan in mind of what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado.

While children attending school are frequently drilled on where to go when severe weather or a tornado threatens the area, do our children know what to do when they are home? When outside playing? Do you have a plan of action for your family? Is there a procedure at your place of employment, and if so, do you know what YOU are suppose to do? It is vitally important that everyone in our community knows the answers to these questions **BEFORE** severe weather strikes.

For weather emergency information please contact Anderson County Emergency Management at 785.448.6797 or visit: www.andersoncountyks.org

If The Tornado Siren Sounds...

If you hear a continuous siren, that is the warning sound signifying that a tornado has been sighted and you should take cover immediately.

At home, if available, you should seek safety in the basement. If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Stay away from windows. Mobile homes, even while tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

Adopt A “Good Neighbor” Policy

In a small community, most of us know who our neighbors are. No other time is communication with the people who live around you more important than during a severe storm. Please talk with your neighbors. If you have a basement or storm shelter and your neighbor doesn't, offer to allow your neighbor to seek safe protection by coming to your home when: (a) you see visible signs of severe weather or a tornado, (b) you receive information by radio or television that a warning has been issued for this area, or (c) the warning siren sounds. Being a good neighbor during severe weather is vitally important.

Persons most at risk during severe weather and tornadoes are:

The elderly, very young, and the physically or mentally impaired;

People who may not understand the warning due to a language barrier;

People in mobile homes;

People in automobiles.



The City of Garnett asks that you please volunteer to be a good neighbor!

DO NOT RELY ON SIRENS. If adverse weather is in the area, stay alert to conditions via TV, radio, weather radio or your smart phone weather app.

For Safety’s Sake!

When attending outdoor activities at city parks, **ALWAYS** put your family’s safety first. Do not leave children at a recreational activity when severe weather is forecast and use common sense when deciding to “stay and play” or leave when severe weather threatens.

If caught outside or in a vehicle during a tornado, your only survival may be in finding a nearby ditch or depression and lying flat in it. Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; instead, leave it immediately. Because flying debris from tornadoes causes most deaths and injuries, it is still your best bet to constantly be aware of your surroundings and when weather conditions appear potentially threatening, seek shelter.



WHERE TO GO...

Storm Shelter Locations:

- First United Methodist Church, 205 S. Oak St.
- First Baptist Church, 417 S. Walnut Street
- Dunkard Brotherhood Church, 1020 S. Westgate Road

Did You Know...

Flash Floods are the #1 weather killer- 146 deaths annually.

Lightning kills 75-100 people each year.

Damaging Straight-line Winds can reach 140 mph.

Large Hail can reach the size of a grapefruit, causes several hundred million dollars in damage annually to property and crops.